

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
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TO THE SURFACE OF BACTERIAL CELLS

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In response to the Office Action mailed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (hereinafter "PTO") on November 1, 2007, please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.